

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-766-E - ORDER NO. 96-883
DECEMBER 30, 1996

IN RE: Request of Carolina Power & Light)	ORDER APPROVING
Company for Approval of Incremental)	EXTENSION OF
Power Service (Experimental))	AVAILABILITY
Rider IPS-2.)	OF RIDER

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of Carolina Power & Light Company ("CP&L") for an extension of the availability of its Incremental Power Service (Experimental) Rider IPS-2. Currently, CP&L's Rider IPS-2 is scheduled to terminate on December 31, 1996. CP&L requests that the Commission extend the availability of Rider IPS-2 until December 31, 1998.

Experimental Rider IPS was approved by the Commission in Order No. 95-615 dated March 15, 1995, in this Docket. Experimental Rider IPS offers large customers lower rates for incremental usage above their normal consumption during periods when CP&L has relatively low system generation cost. In support of its request for an extension of the availability of the Rider, CP&L offers that the availability of low-cost electricity allows CP&L's customers to produce more products at lower unit cost, thus improving their competitive positions and offering economic development. Further, CP&L states that the extension in the availability of Rider IPS will permit CP&L to continue its

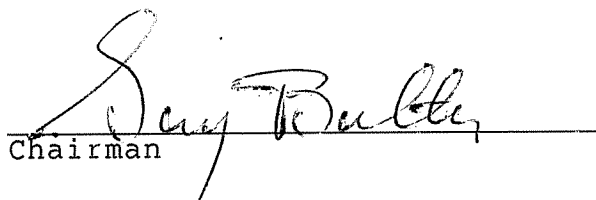
evaluation of how optional tariffs can be effectively used to influence the cost of rendering service while also offering customers enhanced control of their cost for electricity.

Upon review of CP&L's request for extension of the availability of its Experimental Rider IPS-2, the Commission finds and concludes that the availability of the Rider should be, and hereby is, extended until December 31, 1998. The Commission reserves all determinations regarding the appropriate ratemaking treatment resulting from Experimental Rider IPS-2 for a future rate proceeding or for such other time as the Commission deems appropriate.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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